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BUDGETS OF FAMILIES.

COST OF LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD.

A Comparison Between St. Louis and Sheffield, England—The Income More Than Double Here—The Cost of Food Less Here Than in England.

The report of the bureau of labor statistics of Missouri for the year ending Nov. 5, 1890, is full of valuable information, particularly for workingmen. The most striking feature of the report is its exhibit of family budgets. Commissioner Lee Meriwether, of the bureau, set agents to work to inquire carefully into the earnings, expenses and manner of life of the working people of St. Louis, Kansas City and Crystal City. The agents secured carefully kept accounts of the incomes and expenses of 438 families, embracing many trades and classes of workers. These family budgets show, almost without exception, evidences of abundant comforts among the industrial population. While glancing over the items of expenses of these American working people—so much for books and newspapers, so much for amusements, and the like—our thoughts involuntarily turned to the similar investigation made a few years ago by United States consuls among the laboring classes of Europe.

No more wholesome lesson can be kept before our wage earners than the incomparable superiority of their material condition as compared with the toilers of other lands. In order that this great difference may be seen at a glance we give below a specimen family budget from the Missouri report, and under it a similar budget compiled from Consul Webster's report from Sheffield, England. In each report other cases could be found making a better showing, as might also worse exhibits be produced. Both were selected with a view to fairly represent the average condition of workmen of similar grades.

BUDGET OF A ST. LOUIS FAMILY.

Condition—Family of five—parents, son aged 10 years, two daughters aged 9 and 4 years. Occupy their own house.

EARNING.	EXPENSE.
Husband.....\$340 00	Cost of living.....\$14 00
Wife.....20 00	Light.....7 00
Children.....10 00	Gas.....25 00
	Property insurance.....7 00
	Life insurance, husband.....18 00
	Clothing for husband.....50 00
	Clothing for wife.....30 00
	Clothing for children.....40 00
	Furniture and utensils.....14 00
	Soap and starch.....8 00
	Charity.....2 00
	Labor organizations.....18 00
	Books and newspapers.....16 00
	Sickness.....6 00
	Amusements.....18 00
	Sundries.....7 00
	Meat.....72 00
	Bacon and lard.....6 00
	Lard.....12 00
	Flour.....20 00
	Bread.....32 00
	Butter.....15 00
	Milk.....18 00
	Cheese.....14 00
	Coffee.....18 00
	Tea.....10 00
	Potatoes.....7 00
	Vegetables.....10 00
	Sauerkraut.....6 00
	Vinegar.....2 00
	Baking powder.....1 00
	Sugar.....18 00
	Ice.....10 00
	Beer.....30 00
	Miscellaneous.....6 00
Total expenses.....\$111 15	
Surplus.....\$228 85	
Paid \$300 insurance on house.	

SHEFFIELD FAMILY BUDGET.

Condition—Family of five—wife and three children. Man not the best paid, nor by any means the worst earning \$3.00 a week.

EARNING.	EXPENSE.
Husband.....\$315 04	Cost of living.....\$15 04
Wife.....10 00	Rent, including taxes and water supply.....\$50 44
Children.....10 00	Food and light.....18 72
	Clothing and books.....44 00
	School pennies.....6 24
	Trade society.....12 48
	Friendly society.....6 24
	Tobacco.....6 24
	Groceries—sugar, tea, coffee, etc.....31 20
	Butcher's meat.....50 44
	Potatoes and other vegetables.....18 72
	Bread.....20 00
	Beer.....18 72
Total expenses.....\$214 08	
Surplus.....\$100 96	

Here is an object lesson which the American workman should pause in his hat to serve as an antidote to the tariff "reformer's" noxious teachings.

When the "reformer" tells him that his higher wages do not amount to any more than the lower wages of the English workman, on account of the higher cost of living in this country, the American workman can show the "reformer" the following table, from an official report by Consul Lane, of Tunstall, England:

COST OF FOOD IN ENGLAND AND IN THE UNITED STATES.

Eng. Unit's	Eng. Unit's	United States
Six lbs fresh meat.....\$1 00	\$0 72	\$0 36
Bread, 12 loaves, 4 lbs each.....1 00	00	00
Butter, 1 lb.....40	44	26
Bacon and cheese.....60	67	07
Tea, 1 lb.....34	39	04
Sugar, 5 lbs.....30	30	39
Potatoes.....30	12	18
Milk, about 6 qts.....87	30	37
Total per week.....\$4 00	\$3 85	\$7 31
Balances in favor of the United States, \$0.73.		

The workman can also point out to the "reformer" that the St. Louis workman spent to within nineteen cents as much for this cheap American food as the English workman's whole income amounted to and had \$234.55 left. Had the Englishman lived as well his expense for food alone would have brought him easily into debt, without a single cent left for clothes, house rent, fuel, lights, or for the thousand and one little expenses regarded as indispensable in the humdrum American family. At about this point in the argument the "reformer" will sneak away to search for some one less well informed about the actual condition of workingmen under the tariff system which he hopes to get adopted in this country, but knows that he can never succeed unless by the votes of the workingmen themselves.

AMERICAN STALLION SHOW.

Important Action at a Meeting of Horse Breeders.

At a meeting of horse breeders in Chicago it was resolved to form an association to be known as the American Stallion show. Their objects are to improve the horses of the country, and to give annually an exhibition to be known as the American Stallion show. The first of these shows is to be given in the spring of 1891.

The association will also be directly interested in aiding to prepare a creditable live stock display at the World's fair in 1893. All horse breeders in good standing throughout the country are invited to become members of the association and aid it in all ways. Committees have been appointed to draft a constitution and bylaws for the new society, and the fee for certificate of membership was fixed at \$10 each.

Applications for membership can be filed with either of the following gentlemen: S. D. Thompson, Chicago; Charles Burgess, Winona, Minn.; R. P. Stiercker, Springfield, Ill.; J. Murray Hoag, Maquoketa, Ia.; A. Ottman, Watseka, Ill.; Charles F. Mills, Springfield, Ill.; Archie Galbraith, Janesville, Wis.; Charles E. Stubbs, Fairfield, Ia.; J. D. Conner, Washburn, Ind.; and W. H. Goodpasture, Nashville, Tenn.

Following are the reasons set forth for the formation of the organization, together with some of the resolutions adopted:

Whereas, The profit in breeding horses largely depends upon the advantages enjoyed for selling stock at an advance over the cost of production, and

Whereas, The demand for stallions of approved breeding and individual excellence of the various breeds of horses largely exceeds the present supply, and

Whereas, The great majority of breeders of stallions lack the necessary facilities for meeting purchasers and making advantageous sales at the season when stallions are generally selected, and

Whereas, The development of the commercial industries and the rapid extension of the vast farming interest of this country will make a corresponding increase in the future demand for good horses; and

Whereas, The interests of breeders of stallions and parties desiring to purchase the same can be greatly promoted by the establishment of a spring stallion show that will bring such parties and the stock together at some accessible point, therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Stallion show association referred to above should, in the opinion of the meeting, be appointed superintendent and clerk to take charge of and make full report relating to the exhibits of the breeds represented by their respective organizations.

Resolved, That the judges appointed to pass upon the various improved breeds of horses exhibited at the American Stallion Show should be selected by the official board of the respective Stud Book associations.

Points of Interest.

The question whether mutton sheep will improve in price next season is mixed. There is some prospect, however, that breeding sheep of the mutton build will be in active demand, since both in the north and southwest agriculturists are engaging more and more in sheep farming.

In grading up your flocks and herds always use a full blooded sire.

The tendency at present is to import fewer draft horses and better ones from Europe. In England, Scotland and France for the past few years it seems as if anything and everything has been considered good enough to send to America, so great was the demand for draft horses and so ignorant apparently were American breeders of the points of a really first class animal. Now, however, our breeders and importers have had their eyes opened. They have imported this year fewer draft horses than last year, but the ones that came are of higher quality.

Here is a note for farmers and importers of stock to remember: The universal testimony of butchers and meat dealers is that the best beef in the market, that which commands the highest price, is the home fattened steer or heifer which the small farmer singles out from his low cattle and sells. The demand for meat is so great that of course the large herds shipped east by the car load are a necessity, but the sweetest and tenderest, that which commands the most money, comes from the little bunches of home grown beef, and don't forget it.

W. T. Woodard's second combination horse breeders' sale of the season will take place at Lexington, Ky., Feb. 16 to 25. All breeders of first class horses are allowed to bring their animals to this sale and dispose of them.

Some of the best sheep raisers begin to breed their ewes on Christmas day.

Of course nobody can tell much about it for certain, but the prospect is that better prices will be realized for cattle the latter part of the winter than was the case during the beginning of the season. There was a great rush of beef cattle to market in the fall from the west and northwest, because both corn and water were scarce. That rush being over, good prices for prime stock can hardly fail to be realized.

Never keep a crooked tailed cock as a breeder.

An extensive forgery of Dallas, Tex., city bonds has been discovered. Mrs. Clara Harris, of Los Angeles, Cal., sent a \$1000 bond to the Houston Bank to be sold or collected. Upon examination it was found to be a forgery. The name of the Mayor, W. C. Connor, appears on it as C. C. Connor.

At Pensacola, Fla., the Italian bark, Meoloni, reports of having picked up on January 13 six men, in charge of the chief officer of the British bark, Caribou, abandoned January 21 in a sinking condition. The captain and six men are missing.

SOUND PROTECTION DOCTRINES.

Difference in Wages the Measure of a Protective Tariff.

For once we find ourselves concurring with a prominent Free-trade journal in approval of certain resolutions of a committee of young Republicans in Massachusetts. The resolutions to which we refer are as follows:

"We believe in a Protective tariff that shall impose duties where they are needed, and only where needed, to equalize the labor cost of production and to develop American resources and American commerce, but not to relieve favored corporations or individuals from foreign competition.

"We believe in the extension of American commerce and in the encouragement of American shipping, and in placing it on an equal footing with foreign shipping in the struggle for the carrying trade of the world.

Our Mugwump contemporary, however, sees fit to construe these resolutions as hostile to the McKinley tariff bill and to the anti-subsidy measures. The divergence of our views from those of our contemporary seems therefore to consist in the details of the application of Protective principles to both domestic industries and to our foreign commerce.

We are quite willing to limit the rates of Protection as set forth in the statement of our Free-trade opponent that "the measure of a Protective duty should be the difference in wages between this and the competing foreign country."

The question to be determined is where the limit lies, and to ascertain this is the duty of legislation. The Protectionist leaders in congress have constantly avowed that the difference between American and foreign wages should be the guide for fixing the degree of Protection, and to say that they have exceeded the bounds prescribed by this rule is to misstate or exaggerate the fact. If it can be shown that these limits have been transgressed we admit that a revision should be made, provided it should appear that the rates are in any way sufficiently detrimental to justify the injurious consequences of renewed agitation of the whole question.

Our contemporary is to be congratulated for having concurred and recognized, if only for an instant, the true principles of Protection.

MAGNITUDE OF OUR HOME TRADE.

Indefinitely Greater Than the Much Talked Of Foreign Trade.

One gets a hint of the stupendous magnitude of our home trade in the statistics of traffic through the Sault Ste. Marie canal, which connects Lake Superior with the waterways to the eastward. The figures are as follows:

Vessels, number.....1890, 1889.
Lockages, number.....30,577, 4,094.
Registered tonnage, net.....8,454,435, 7,231,935.
Freight tonnage, net tons.....9,041,213, 7,516,022.
Passengers, number.....14,566, 52,119.
Coal, net tons.....2,074,935, 1,629,197.
Flour, barrels.....3,231,104, 2,228,207.
Wheat, bushels.....10,377,720, 15,231,354.
Other grains, bushels.....2,318,845, 2,044,284.
Iron ore, net tons.....4,774,768, 4,065,267.
Manufactured and pig iron, net tons.....116,837, 57,560.
Salt, barrels.....179,421, 166,350.
Copper, net tons.....4,759, 23,456.
Silver ore, net tons.....4,432, 5,845.
Lumber, 1,000 feet B. M.....90,222, 319,354.
Unclassified freight, net tons.....\$71,294, \$12,410.
The freight carried this year is valued at \$10,221,870,000. The value was \$8,873,254,715 in 1889. Although this is the traffic of a single inland lake in an out of the way corner of this big country of ours, and although there are half a dozen railroads competing with the canal for freight, yet the figures throw in the shade the traffic of that highway for the traffic of the "world's markets," the Suez canal, notwithstanding that the navigation season of the Sault is only two-thirds as long. Such facts and figures must impress every one with the incomparable magnitude and value of our home trade, and they also indicate the comparative insignificance of the trade of the "world's markets."

"Reformers" Who Are Free-Traders.

Those who believe that "Tariff reform is not Free-trade" should give the following extract from the anti-Protection Springfield Republican their closest attention:

A canvass of tariff and tax opinions has been made among the members of the New York Reform club by The Commercial Advertiser. The more than 100 answers received show that about one-half the members regard absolute Free-trade as the ultimate goal of reform, to be reached generally through slow and cautious tariff reduction. Such a result would of course necessitate the imposition of other than customs taxes for the Federal revenue, and the answers as to the nature of the substitute are interesting. Thirty-three favor an income tax and fifty-one a tax on inheritances as among the means of supporting the government, while no less than twenty declare unequivocally for a tax on land values, though only about thirty subscribe to the George plan of state appropriation of the full rental value of land. Not knowing the number of the club's membership, it is impossible to judge how far the organization is here represented. But the ideas of Henry George have certainly gained a powerful follow up there.

A woman and four children were suffocated and one man probably fatally burned in a fire in New York yesterday, which destroyed a three-story frame house. A pot of fat boiling over was the cause of the fire.

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THE MARKETS.

New York, February 18.—Money on call was offered at 2 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange, quiet and firm. Sixty-day bills, \$4.50; demand, \$4.75; copper, \$11.25. Lead, easier; domestic, \$1.20. Bar silver, 97 1/2.

CHICAGO, February 18. Cattle.—Receipts, 13,000. The market was lower. Steers, \$5.00; medium to choice, \$4.00; light to medium, \$3.50; fed Texas, \$4.00; stockers, \$2.50; calves, \$3.00.

Hogs.—Receipts, 10,000. Market fairly active and steady. Rough and common, \$3.50; choice, \$4.00; medium to choice, \$3.50; light, \$3.25; dark, \$3.00.

Sheep.—Receipts, 5,000. Market active and irregular. Native, \$4.00; western lambs, \$5.00; western lambs, \$5.00.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 18.—Closing quotations on the Produce Exchange were: Wheat—Firm. Buyer season, \$1.12; buyer '91, \$1.10. Barley—Irregular. Buyer season, \$1.40; season '91, \$1.00.

Corn—\$1.12; \$1.07 1/2. Silver bars—\$48.00. Mexican dollars—\$0.81.

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